IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lasse L. HESSEL et al. Confirmation No. 7795

Application No.: 10/773,697 Group Art Unit: 3679

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 3, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for entry and consideration during prosecution of the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

A Replacement Drawing is enclosed.

A **Petition for an Extension of Time** is enclosed. No other fees are believed to be due for the filing of this amendment. Should any other fees be required, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP deposit account 50-1814.

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